

## Pan Flu & Us: Linking Home Care and Public Health

### What Topics Will You Cover?

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One of the first decisions for your planning committee is the selection of topics for your event. You can start the discussion with some suggestions. But your partners, as practitioners in the field, might have ideas about additional topics that you would not have envisioned.

In selecting your topics, consider potential speakers on each topic. Perhaps there is someone within your own agency who could be asked to speak. To find subject experts, read relevant journals or attend conferences, if possible. Authors of journal articles or speakers at conferences may be tapped as potential speakers. If you choose a nationally known speaker or a speaker from out of town, be prepared to offer an honorarium and reimbursement for travel expenses.

In addition, consider your state and local Department of Disabilities. Staff at these agencies will be knowledgeable about the needs of the disabled and similar vulnerable populations. Reaching out beyond public health for this collaborative effort may result in ongoing partnerships with fellow governmental organizations. An offer of in-kind payment will be appreciated by the other government agencies. Do you have printed materials to offer? Would you agree to speak at one of their meetings? Can you provide another service in exchange for their participation?

Your state association of NAHC, the National Association for Home Care and Hospice, is a great resource to tap for suggested topics and speakers. To find your state home care association, visit [www.nahc.org](http://www.nahc.org) and click on your state on the map. There you will find the name and contact information for your state's home care association.

Following is a list of some potential topics for a home care and pandemic flu conference:

- Background on Pandemic Flu
- Special Liability Concerns for Home Care Providers and Pandemic Flu
- Workforce Issues—Do You Have a Continuity of Operations Plan?
- How to Prepare Our Clients—Make a Plan, Make a Kit, Have a Conversation
- How to Include Preparedness in Regular Client Visits
- Public Health's Role in a Pandemic Flu
- The Role of Home Care in (State's) Emergency Preparedness Plan

For your information, speaker biographies and **slide presentations** from the Montgomery County event are provided on this CD.

